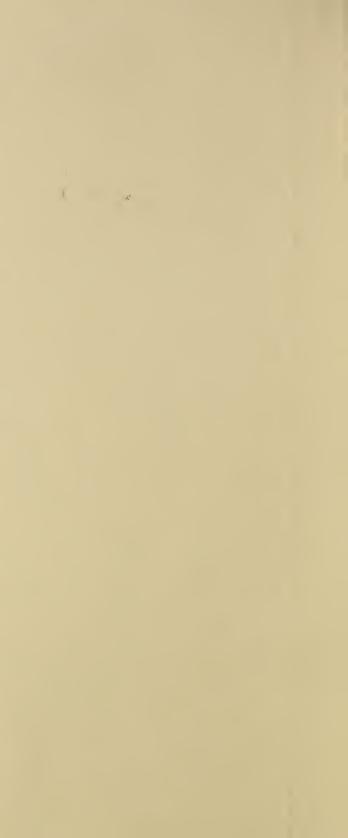
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Where To Get Information and Publications

To many, Alaska is a land of unknowns. The state is huge, one-fifth the size of the 48 other continental states, and includes the nation's two largest National Forests. Each year thousands of people plan trips to the Last Frontier, seeking new opportunities or a truly Alaskan adventure. Good planning is the only way to be sure of a successful trip.

This brochure will help find sources of information on everything from how to get to the Forests and what is available once you're there, to where and how to apply for employment. Many state and federal agencies offer informational brochures and booklets to the public either free, as long as supplies last, or for a small fee. Requests should be sent to the issuing office. Reference copies of many publications are available for review at major libraries.

Maps of the Tongass and Chugach National Forests are available for \$2.00 each. Write USDA Forest Information Center, 101 Egan Drive, Juneau, AK 99801; and Chugach National Forest, 201 E. 9th Ave., Suite 206, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Most Requested Information

Alaska's National Forests offer a tremendous mixture of outdoor recreation opportunities for thousands of residents and tourists each year. The Forest Service provides a variety of facilities to accommodate and encourage recreational use of the Alaskan environment. Over 200 recreation cabins are located within the two forests, the Tongass and the Chugach. The cabins are located in protected bays, near the mouths of popular fishing streams and at shoreline trailheads, and are available for a nominal per night fee on a first-come, first-served basis.

The information most requested by the public from the Forest Service Public Affairs Office is on these cabins. Up to date information on cabin locations and descriptions can be obtained from the various Forest and Ranger District offices.

For cabins on the nearly 6 million acre Chugach National Forest, which includes a large portion of the Kenai Peninsula and Prince William Sound, contact:

USDA Forest Service Chugach National Forest 201 East 9th Avenue Suite 206 Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3698 (907) 271-2599

USDA Forest Service Glacier Ranger District P.O. Box 129 Girdwood, Alaska 99587-0129

USDA Forest Service Cordova Ranger District 612 2nd Street Cordova, Alaska 99574-0280

USDA Forest Service Seward Ranger District 334 Fourth Avenue Seward, Alaska 99664-0390



The Tongass National Forest covers about 95 percent of the Alaskan Panhandle. Found within this sparsely populated 16.7 million acres of heavily forested mountains, massive ice fields and miles of waterways, are more than 150 remote cabins. Information and reservations are handled by the individual area offices:

Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Area Forest Supervisor Federal Building Ketchikan, Alaska 99901 (907) 225-3101

Tongass National Forest, Chatham Area Forest Supervisor 204 Siginaka Way Sitka, Alaska 99835 (907) 774-6671

Tongass National Forest, Stikine Area Forest Supervisor P.O. Box 309 Petersburg, Alaska 99833 (907) 772-3841

Other publications are available, free or for a nominal fee, describing the many private recreational activities available on or nearby the two National Forests. These can be obtained by writing to:

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce 310 Second Street Juneau, Alaska 99801 (907) 586-7216

State of Alaska Information

Information on Alaska Marine Highway ferry schedules, hunting or fishing rules and regulations, or the status of the State's land lottery, can be obtained by writing to one of the following:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game P.O. Box 25526 Juneau, Alaska 99802-5526 (907) 465-4112

Alaska Department of Natural Resources Division of Lands 400 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 400 Juneau, Alaska 99801 (907) 465-3400

Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development Divison of Tourism P.O. Box 11081 Juneau, Alaska 99811-0801 (907) 465-2010

Alaska Department of Transportation Divison of Marine Highways P.O. Box 25535 Juneau, Alaska 99802-5535 (907) 465-3941 (reservations) 800-642-0066 (reservations) (907) 465-3940 (recorded information)





In frontier days, gold mining played a major role in Alaska. Today, mineral exploration and development is again an important economic factor. To learn more about the subject, or about the nation's only state-owned railroad system, or what employment opportunities there are in Alaska, write to one of the following:

Alaska Railroad Corporation Passenger Services P.O. Box 107500 Anchorage, Alaska 99510-7500 (907) 265-2448 800-544-0552 (reservations)

Alaska Department of Labor Division of Employment Security P.O. Box 25509 Juneau, Alaska 99802-5509 (907) 465-2712

U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Mines P.O. Box 20550 Juneau, Alaska 99802-0550 (907) 364-2111

Other Agency Publication Sources

There are many other parts of the Alaskan lifestyle that people are curious about. The following list will help locate information on many different topics:

U.S. Department of Commerce National Weather Service 222 W. 7th Avenue, #23 Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7575

USDA Cooperative Extension Service University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-5200 (907) 474-7246

U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service 2525 Gambell Street, Rm 102 Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (907) 271-2737

U.S. Department of the Interior **Bureau of Land Management** Alaska State Office 701 C Street, Box 13 Anchorage, Alaska 99513 (907) 271-5076

U.S. Department of the Interior Fish & Wildlife Service Alaska Region 1101 E. Tudor Road Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (907) 786-3486

Topographical maps are sold at various sporting goods stores or are available from:

U.S. Department of the Interior Publications Division Alaska Distribution Section 101 12th Avenue Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 (907) 456-0244

"If All Else Fails"

If you have a question on a subject not covered by one of the sources in this booklet, don't give up. The Forest Service, in managing Alaska's two National Forests, has specialists involved in many areas: archaeology, computer systems, economics, energy, engineering, environmental protection, fisheries, insects, lands management, minerals, public affairs, recreation, soils, timber, transportation, visual aesthetics, wildlife and much more. Our programs and services are available on an equal basis to everyone. If you have trouble finding information, our job is to help you find people who have answers. Just call or write:

Public Affairs Office Forest Service, Alaska Region U.S. Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 21628 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628 (907) 586-8806



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Forest Service Publications on Alaska

If a free publication issued by the Forest Service in Alaska is needed, contact the nearest office in Alaska or write to:

USDA Forest Service Office of Information (Publications) P.O. Box 2417 Washington, DC 20013

Orders for other free USDA publications, including their specific titles and series numbers, should be sent to:

Publications Division
Office of Governmental and Public Affairs
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC 20250

Publications for Sale

Many Federal publications are offered for sale at the main Government Printing Office (GPO) or at GPO bookstores. Discounts may be offered for large orders. Remittance may be made by personal check or money order payable to the Superintendent of Documents or by charge to your Master Charge or Visa account. Do not send currency (bills or coins) or postage stamps. Send orders and remittance to:

Superintendent of Documents U.S. Government Printing Office Washington, DC 20402

Publications No Longer Available

Federal publications no longer in print may be consulted in public or university libraries maintaining Government publications. Many of these libraries carry files of Federal publications. Time can be saved by communicating with the library concerning the publications you want before making a trip.

Alaska State Library P.O. Box G Juneau, Alaska 99811

Alaska Pacific University Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Sheldon Jackson College P.O. Box 479 Sitka, Alaska 99835

University of Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska 99701



USDA Photocopy and Microfilm Services



A photocopy or microfilm of any out-of-print Department of Agriculture publication, including Forest Service titles, may be purchased if it is in the collection. A list of available titles and order forms are free. Send requests and orders to:

Photo-duplication Section National Agriculture Library U.S. Department of Agriculture Beltsville, Maryland 20705

Technical Publications

For information about many scientific and technical subjects, contact:

National Technical Information Service 5285 Port Royal Road Springfield, Virginia 22161

USDA Forest Service P.O. Box 21628-PAO Juneau, Alaska 99802-1628 (907) 586-8806

All Other Federal Publications

For a free copy of the Consumers Guide to Federal Publications, write to:

GPO Bookstore Federal Office Building Room 194 915 Second Avenue Seattle, Washington 98104

